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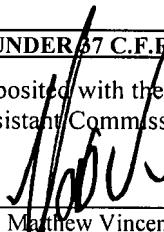
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REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

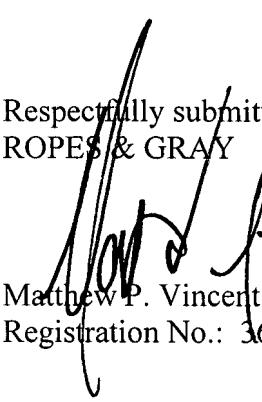
Sir:

Applicants hereby request a Three-Month Extension of Time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), to and including September 20, 2001 in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 18-1945 in the amount of \$445.00 in payment of the appropriate fee based on a small entity status. The undersigned authorizes the charging of any additional fees and crediting of any overpayment associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 18-1945. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. A duplicate of this page is enclosed for that purpose.

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